

### Individualizing the Monarchs---

1. SACHEL PAIGE, Fitcher---Needs little or no introduction since he is widely regarded as the outstanding pitcher in Negro baseball today. The tall, gangling Paige has been hurling neatly twenty years and still is an effective worker on the mound. Knows all of the tricks of his trade and has appeared in thousands of games since he played ball the year around a few seasons ago. He also has pitched against many major league stars and received some commendable praise from most of them.

2. BOOKER MC DANIELS, Fitcher---A veteran right-handed hurler on the Monarch's staff, who would rather pitch for the Kansas City outfit than any team in the Negro American league. Not only has been loyal to the club, but is a capable moundsman, especially under tough going. He has hurled several one hit games in league competition and is one of the Big Four of the crop, the other three being Paige, Hilton Smith and Jack Matchett.

3. ENSLOE WYLIE, Pitcher---A right-hander, who has come into his own and is proving to be invaluable to the Monarchs. It didn't take Duncan, manager of the team, to see possibilities in Willie and the big right-hander has been living up to expectations. He has a blazing fast ball and a sharp breaking curve with which to fool the opposition.

4. JACK MATCHETT, Pitcher---Another right-hander of ability. Matchett has plenty of stuff and a stout pitching heart. Nothing seems to bother him on the hillock and he too, has come through with some well pitched games. He has a free, easy motion and depends on a quick breaking curve ball to cut down opposing batsmen.

5. JAMES LAMARQUE, Pitcher---The only southpaw on the club, and a mighty good one too, if you ask Skipper Frank Duncan. La Marque is a hard worker and is one of the cagiest on the staff. He too, can be counted upon to hurl a good ball when the going is tough.

6. HILTON SMITH, Pitcher---Smith is a right-handed pitcher. He has been with the Monarchs several years and takes his regular turn on the mound. He is one of the most dependable pitchers on the staff and a keen competitor. Last season he turned in several one-hit games and had a strike-out average of eight per game. A good fast ball and curve are what Smith depends upon and he has perfect control of his speedy pitch with his curve doing tricks when it reaches the batter.

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7. LEE MOODY, first base---An outfielder last season Manager Duncan needed a first baseman so he called upon Moody and the young man is doing a grand job of first basing this season. He looks like a polished infielder and fits right in with the inner defense. He is a good clubber, but his brilliant defensive work has been a big help to the Monarchs' great showing this season.

8. JESSE WILLIAMS, second base---One of the classiest keystone performers in the Negro American league and a dangerous customer at the platter with men on the paths. Williams also is an adept bunter and has won several close games for the Monarchs by dumping a perfect bunt down either the first or third base lines to squeeze home a runner. Williams gets the ball away fast at second and can go either to the right or left for grounders.



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9. JACKIE ROBINSON, shortstop---The former UCLA football, basketball and baseball star has strengthened the Monarchs' infield to such an extent that the team will be a dangerous contender for the Negro American league championship. Robinson is 6 feet tall, weighs 200 pounds and knows how to start twin killing via Robinson to Williams to Moody. After a workout with the Boston Red Sox early this season, Joe Cronin, manager, said Robinson was the best looking prospect he had seen for some time. He is a powerful hitter and has the right attitude and winning spirit, which is typical of all ex-college athletes. Robinson right now is one of the best infielders in Negro baseball and should improve with more games under his belt.

10. HERB SOUELL, third base---Dependability is the best description of Souell, who has been guarding the hot corner for the Monarchs several seasons. He is a left-handed hitter and hits for distance. He's always respected when he comes to the platter---The reason--he'll connect for extra bases, especially with mates on the paths.

11. JOHNNIE SCOTT, centerfield-- Starting out his baseball career as a catcher, Scott switched to the outfield when he joined the Birmingham Black Barons. He came to Kansas City in a trade last winter and the deal proved to be just what the Monarchs needed in the way of a punch in the outfield. Scott has a powerful throwing arm and can sock them hard and often at the platter. He is a smart base runner.

12. DAVE HARPER, outfielder---who bats and throws right-handed. He started the 1944 season with the Cincinnati Clowns and wound up with the Monarchs. This stocky outfielder packs a wallop at the plate and is truly a ball hawk with a good throwing arm.

13. WALTER THOMAS, right-field---Thomas and Emory Long make up the Monarchs' outfield along with Harper. Thomas plays right field in a steady manner and can be counted upon to get one or more hits in every game. He is consistent in the field and dangerous at the platter. Thomas's arm is true on his returns from the outfield and opposing runners are careful not to try to stretch singles into doubles.

14. EMORY LONG, outfielder---Here's a player all pitchers respect. He swings a mean club and has been getting his base hits with regularity. Long, too, has a powerful throwing arm and has come through with some sensational catches, robbing opposing batters from getting base hits.

15. SAM HAYNES, catcher---A big workhorse, who takes his regular turn behind the platter and a good, sound receiver. He also is potent at the plate and knows how to handle the pitchers. Enjoys the hard work and is a key player on the club. Pitchers like to toss to him because he offers them a good target.

16. DOUBLE DUTY RADCLIFFE, catcher-pitcher---Radcliffe came to the Monarchs this season from the Birmingham Black Barons. He can either pitch or catch, but will do his share of the receiving for the aggregation. He is a dangerous hitter in the clutch and knows the diamond game. He is a good handler of pitchers and knows what pitch to call for in a tough spot. Radcliffe could be one of the outstanding figures in Negro baseball.



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17. **FRANK DUNCAN**, Manager-Catcher---Last, but not least the boss-man of the Monarchs is a legendary figure in Negro baseball.

Duncan has been with the Monarchs a quarter of a century and that alone is the biggest boost one can give him, but he too has been a star for several seasons with the Monarchs and still takes his place behind the platter when the occasion calls. He received a tremendous ovation when the Monarchs opened against the Chicago American Giants this season before upwards of 13,000 fans for his outstanding bit of receiving.

Duncan knows baseball. He piloted the Monarchs to the championship in 1942 and to the Negro World's championship by winning four great games in succession, which is a pretty good feat. For years he was the No. 1 catcher on the club before being elevated to the managership, which proved to be a wise move by the owners, who regard Duncan as one of the smartest in Negro baseball circles. He knows how to handle his players.

Duncan is 45 years old, but when he's coaching he has the enthusiasm of a youngster just breaking in.